



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

February 11, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

A big round of applause goes out to Megan Reid, Elizabeth Massman and Gillian Burke, the 5th Graders chosen to represent Lincoln School at the WFEE Trivia Bee. Their determination in battling cold temperatures and nervous butterflies is commendable. They were joined by The Thinkin' Lincoln Dads: Mark Pine, Alan Ruben and Peter Pulsifer. Thank you to all for your enthusiasm for this fun evening. Please note the Early Release Professional Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 25th. The 5th Grade Skating Party has also been rescheduled for this day, please see details below. If you're snowbound this February vacation and on the hunt for summer camps for your children, please be on the lookout for a brochure of mentor camps being taught by Winchester teachers this summer. Subjects will range from art to drumming to science. Participating teachers will have the chance to share their enthusiasm for interests not always covered during the school year. Camps will be fee based and located in Winchester schools. We wish you a restful winter break.

—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Monday, February 16th – 20th

NO SCHOOL, February Vacation

Wednesday, February 25th

Early Release 11:30am AND 5th Grade Skating Party

Wed-Friday-, March 11th, 12th, 13th

Early Release Parent/Teacher Conferences

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANKYOU

Over 420 hungry "customers" were served at the Lincoln 5th Grade Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 24th. It was a whirlwind day of flipping, pouring and waiting for those pancakes, that wouldn't cook fast enough! This event could not have happened without all of the help from our terrific committee and parent volunteers. Thank you to all of you who rose early, organized, supervised, cooked and cleaned and scurried about to ensure a

pancake and sausage on every plate. The 5th Graders will use the proceeds from this event to help pay for year books and the moving on ceremony at year-end.

Margie Peterson and Linda McDonough
5TH Grade Pancake Breakfast Co-chairs

NEW DATE FOR 5TH GRADE

SKATING PARTY

The 5th Grade Skating Party is rescheduled to early release day of Wed. Feb 25 from 1 - 2:30 at O'Brien Rink, 55 Locust Street, Woburn. Snacks, drinks & fun provided! Questions, please contact Tina Snider (doctina@comcast.net) or Margen Kelsey (margenk@comcast.net).

5TH GRADE YEARBOOK—DIG OUT THE PHOTO ALBUMS AND CAMERAS!

We want to make this year's yearbook special for your child. Here are some things to remember:

- Submit your child's **KINDER-GARTEN** school photo - include child's and teacher's name (and school, if other than Lincoln) **DUE: MARCH 2nd**
- Start snapping! - Submit pictures (past and present) of your 5th grader and his/her Lincoln School **(Class of '09) peers. GREAT PHOTO OPPS** recently included: Winter Concert, Pancake Breakfast & Skating Party

Instructions for Submitting Photos:

1. Include names and event information if possible
2. Include self-addressed stamped envelope for returns
3. **Electronic files to:** Beth Maher or Genny Soper at pblmaher@comcast.net or gsoper@verizon.net
4. **Hard copies to:** Michelle Antonevich, 34 Leslie Road

ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

On April 14, the Lincoln first graders will be visited by Gail LaRocca who will share her experiences in Tanzania, East Africa. The students will journey on a visual safari to East Africa where they will see children at work and play, observe elephants and giraffe grazing on the savannah, and watch

the sun set on the Serengeti. The Lincoln School children will discuss the joys and challenges of living in Africa, listen to Gail describe her new project LifeWaterAfrica, a foundation established to provide clean water to villagers, and learn some Swahili. Jambo Africa!

On May 7, the first graders will learn all about Kenyan Geography, culture and history from a Kenyan-born teacher, Harrison Maina of AjabuVentures.com. This will be Mr. Maina's eighth annual presentation at the Lincoln School. The first graders will experience hands-on learning about Kenyan arts and crafts with video clips and oral performances and will be able to speak with Mr. Maina about real day-to-day life in Africa.

WINCHESTER TO PILOT SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS IN 2009

Save the Date – Winchester will pilot a new Summer Enrichment Series! Programs will be open to all Winchester students and fee-based. Teachers from all our schools have submitted course ideas, in areas they are passionate about, for classes which they will develop and teach. Types of courses will include music, art and an assortment of academic subjects. Summer sessions ranging from 1-4 weeks in length will begin July 6th. Courses will be available for grades K-12 and will be held in our schools. Specifics will be published by February 2, and sign-ups will begin shortly thereafter. Stay tuned to your school newsletter for more information!

POLAR PROJECT:

FAMILY "ECO-THON"

For this year's Growing Up and Reaching Out project, Lincoln School's Fifth Grade is sponsoring a Family "Eco-Thon" to raise environmental awareness and reduce the Lincoln community's carbon footprint. By helping their families "go green," Lincoln's kids can also earn money to help endangered polar bears. See the attached flier and checklist for details. The Eco-Thon starts now and will continue through the middle of March. Donations can be dropped off in the Eco-Thon box in the

Lincoln School lobby or with your child's teacher. For further information, contact the Growing Up and Reaching Out co-chairs, Katherine Waters-Clark at waterswriting@comcast.net or Jamie Spencer at jamiespen@comcast.net.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC NEWS:

The State of Winchester's Special Ed

Join us on **Thursday, Feb 26, 7-9 pm at the McCall Middle School Library** for this annual program with Winchester's Superintendent of Schools, Bill McAlduff and Linda Stapp, Director of Pupil Services, who will talk about what is new with special education in Winchester. Opportunity for Q&A will follow. Contact winspedpac@verizon.net for info.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

WINCHESTER FIELD

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GALA

The Frattaroli Family in honor and memory of their beloved son and brother Mark Frattaroli have graciously offered to host the Winchester Field Development Council's Kick Off Gala on March 8, 2009 at 6:30pm. The Gala will be held at Ristorante Lucia, located at 13 Mt. Vernon Street Winchester. The event will include an exquisite Italian meal and wine. The menu for the evening has been personally selected by Mr. Frattaroli with special focus toward a variety of Abruzzi specialties. The Gala will feature a live auction, highlighted by a week long stay at the Frattaroli's private villa in Sulmona, Italy. This beautifully renovated villa named Cuoco d'Oro sleeps up to 19 and will allow you and many close friends to relax and enjoy this historic region of Italy. To learn more about this auction item go to www.parkervillas.com/cuoco. Also up for auction will be a 2009 New England Patriot Fan Experience Package and a Boston Bruins Fan Experience Package. The Patriot Package includes 4 luxury box seats to a 2009 game, VIP parking pass and special field access for the pre-game action. The Bruins Package includes game tickets and a zamboni ride between periods. Tickets to this event are \$25.00 per person and may be purchased on the Winchester Field Developments website at www.WFDC.net or by contacting Ann McCarthy at 781-721-6660. Tickets are limited. All proceeds from this event will go toward the renovation project at Manchester Field. To learn more about this project go to www.wfdc.net

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART – SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th as the Winchester FOA presents its annual Party for the Arts. This years theme will be the "Un-Still Life," and for the second year the party will be held at the Sanborn House with the children's reception from 2-4:00pm and the adult fundraising party from 8pm-11:00pm. Stayed tuned for more info. If you are interested in volunteering with any aspect of the day's amazing, creative events please contact winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

COLLEGE GATE

The College Gate & College Academy programs will return of their **4th summer in Winchester**. Held at **Winchester High School**, the programs provide a summer enrichment experience for kids in **kindergarten through/including grade 8**. Last summer, 326 area kids participated in the programs. To obtain registration materials go to www.collegegate.org or call Chris Harrington at 781-344-7331.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK NEWS

The Multicultural Network, along with English At Large, invites non-native English speakers to join a conversation group this winter to polish their speaking skills. The conversation groups help learners build their fluency, while developing friendships. Groups are lead by local volunteers, and conversation groups meet once a week for 8 weeks. They are suitable for intermediate to advanced English speakers who understand at least 70% of the English they hear. Conversation groups are free and open to adults.

Groups start up again the week of February 23 and residents may sign up for either Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30, Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30, or Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Those interested in joining a conversation group must register by emailing English at Large (learn@englishatlarge.org) or calling 781-395-237. For more information about Winchester groups, call Liz Sayre at 781-729-9242 or email office@wmcn.org.

THE TUFTS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ANNOUNCES DATES FOR ITS SUMMER DESIGN AND ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

This year, the CEEO will offer five summer LEGO Engineering Workshops:

1. Robotics and Art

Girls currently in grades 1-6
July 6-10: 9am-12pm Cost: \$250

2. Co-ed LEGO Robotics Inventors Workshop

For beginning and intermediate users
Students currently in grades 2-5
July 13-17, 2009: 9am-3pm Cost: \$500

3. Co-ed LEGO Robotics Inventors Workshop. For intermediate and advanced users

Students currently in grades 3-8
July 20-24, 2009: 9am-3pm Cost: \$500

4. & 5. LEGO Robotics for Early Elementary Students. All students currently in K-1st grade

July 6-8, 2009: 1pm-4pm - The Circus is Coming! OR

July 27-19, 2009: 9am-12pm - LEGO Zoo. Cost per session: \$100

All workshops are held on Tufts' Medford campus. The workshops follow a hands-on format to allow students the maximum amount of time using the robotic LEGO bricks to work through a series of challenges. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: http://www.cceo.tufts.edu/Kid_Camps/kidcamps.html. Please contact Elissa Milto with questions, elissa.milto@tufts.edu.

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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SIGN UP NOW!

It's never too late! If you are one of the few families who still receive the Lincletter in hard copy each week, please consider signing up for electronic delivery. Not only will you help reduce our paper and printing costs, you will get more timely delivery of the latest news from Lincoln School. You will also receive attachments and email notices from the school and the superintendent's office that are only distributed electronically or via the LSPA table in school. Please send your email address, child's name and grade to lincolnspace@gmail.com. Your email address will not be shared. Thanks!